

## UNEASINESS IN CZAR'S CAPITAL Picked Troops Ready for Emergencies.

### Every Precaution Taken to Prevent Trouble by Strikers.

#### Winter Palace Under Guard and Any Demonstration Will Meet With Prompt Suppression.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 21, 1:45 a. m.—Despite official assurances at midnight that the situation was well in hand and that ample steps had been taken to protect the vast industrial section of St. Petersburg and insure the safety of the city, the greatest uneasiness for today pervaded the entire population.

Picked troops are stationed at various points in the city and each house contains a miniature garrison with gentlemen in the court yards and machine guns ready for the first emergency. The Winter Palace is strongly picketed, with Grand Duke Vladimir in command. Final instructions were issued tonight.

The plan of the Government is to prevent the workmen from coming to the center of the city today by guarding the roads and bridges, and therefore it is believed to be more likely to occur in the outskirts of St. Petersburg.

Mills and Factories Close.

Meantime the strikers are carrying out their original programme. The few mills and factories remaining active in the city were closed during the day, one of the last of them being the Government powder mill. Strike leaders are everywhere in the city and all of them, even those of butchers and bakers and laundries, were closed. Traffic was stopped on the street car lines, the men having joined the strikers.

Preparations for a big demonstration at Winter Palace square at 2 o'clock Saturday had not been suspended, although the leaders have been warned that it cannot take place, and that the Emperor will not be there. The workmen all are convinced that his Majesty will appear and listen to the grievances set forth in the petition.

The deputations which on Friday took the invitation to Emperor Nicholas to attend the meeting having failed to gain access to his Majesty, they have today sent it by his secretary to Interior Minister Stolypin-Mirsky.

St. Petersburg, formally excommunicated Father Gapon on the ground that he was causing the people to rise against the Emperor, the head of the church.

Doubt as to Troops.

Rumors that the troops have plainly indicated their sympathy with the strikers and that if it comes to a collision they will refuse to fire upon them are rife, and the workmen themselves are thoroughly convinced that such is the case. But the authorities maintain that the loyalty of the troops is beyond question, pointing out that the only time Russian regiments showed treachery was in the case of the 101st, which was disbanded.

March to the Palace.

The plan of the workmen is to assemble at three points, the Poutloff and Obukoff works, and the island of Vasili Ostrov, and march to the palace square. They are fully convinced the Emperor will be there to receive their petition.

Among many groups of the workmen no one can be found who expresses doubt as to the Emperor's decision. All speak of him most reverently and insist that he has been kept in ignorance of the truth and that once he has heard of their grievances he will give justice. They say that just what is wanted are shorter hours and more pay, and no more liberty, but the point is that most of the men on the latter point are rudimentary. They declare their peaceful intentions and say they do not want to fight. They seem for the most part to be of the opinion that the Emperor will not fire on them.

The soldiers are on our side," said one of the leaders. "They may fire on the Palace, but not on us."

Not one of the workmen raised a voice against the Emperor, though they did not spare some of the Imperial family, especially Grand Duke Alexis, who, with others, they charged with being responsible for Russia's defeat in the war in the far East, saying that they kept the Emperor in ignorance of the true situation. Some of them repeated current gossip about Grand Duke Alexis and the Russian fleet.

Happened at a Theater.

"We know what happened in a theater some days ago, when the miners came on the stage covered with jewels," said one of the men. "The galleries hissed her and she was pelted with stones. Then they are not diamonds, but drops of Russian blood."

Late tonight it was reported a strike had been declared in the paper mills in Finland, and rumors are afloat that it will spread here today. There will be many serious usings throughout the land. The rumors, however, probably belong to the class of sensational stories with which the city is filled.

Private letters from Helsinki have been received by the Associated Press tonight, giving the slightest intimation of a famine among the Finns.

Two Rumors Untrue.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 21.—The rumors of a strike in the paper mills of Finland and of a strike in the paper mills of Finland, is denied. It is also denied that Father Gapon has been arrested.

## Negro Admits Fatal Assault on Woman

Gives No Excuse for Crime, and Disclaims Either Robbery or Rape as Cause for It.

RENO, Nev., Jan. 21.—Levi Webber, the negro arrested in this city yesterday, charged with fatally assaulting Mrs. James E. Harper, confessed his guilt. He was taken to the Carson prison last night under a heavy guard to prevent lynching and after reaching that place and recovering from his fright, made a complete confession, admitting that he entered the Harper home Friday morning and struck Mrs. Harper with an ax as she lay in bed with her children. He describes the event with sickening detail and says that after he had dragged the almost lifeless body to the woods that he became frightened and ran up the river, where he was found by a farmer and brought to town.

He says that he did not intend to rob the house or commit a criminal assault and has no excuse to offer.

The people of the city are still greatly excited and it is openly threatened that if Webber is brought back that he will be lynched. He is a Carson negro and only a few days ago was liberated after serving a long jail sentence.

## YELLOW FEVER SCARE.

Few Cases on Isthmus May Cause Exodus of Canal Builders.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Unofficial advice received here from representatives of the Government in the Panama canal zone, dated at the end of the first week in January, are to the effect that while the current reports of the prevalence of yellow fever on the isthmus are exaggerated, the pest does exist there, and some apprehension is expressed that if it continues to spread there will be a wholesale exodus of the canal builders.

It is stated that the Government has had probably been preventable had proper precautions been adopted. But the large influx of people of the north, unaccustomed to tropical climatic dangers, and the best means to avoid them, undoubtedly has afforded great opportunity for the spread of yellow fever.

The American women particularly are said to be careless, and they don the lightest white muslin shirtwaists in the event and are almost surely bitten by the poisonous fever-bearing mosquito.

## NO BATTLE SOON.

Two Great Armies Face Each Other, but It Is Too Cold to Fight.

TOKIO, Jan. 21.—In well-informed quarters here it is said that the Russian army at Mukden was recently reinforced by four divisions. Its present strength is estimated at nine army corps of 20,000 men each, and Gen. Kuronakichi's headquarters is at Fong Mountain, in close touch with the Mukden-Fushun line. The Russian army has been heavily strengthening their lines.

At present two and a half divisions are facing Gen. Kuroki's two corps of 20,000 men each. The greater strength of these corps confronts Gen. Kuroki and guards the coal mines in the vicinity of the Fushun valley. Between the opposing armies is a network of trenches. Kuroki's outpost are within 50 yards of the Russian entrenched positions. Cannonading and rifle firing are constantly taking place, but owing to the inclement weather, no immediate likelihood of a great battle.

## NIXON AFTER RUSSIANS.

American Would Like to Build Ships for New Navy.

PARIS, Jan. 21.—Associates of Lewis Nixon of New York have arrived here in connection with the meeting of Russian naval experts, who are outlining plans for a new Russian navy. Several conferences have already been held, without result, and the plan is to submit the matter to the authorities at St. Petersburg. It is understood that the plan contemplates the expenditure of \$10,000,000 in French shipyards during a period of several years.

Mr. Nixon's associate, Gregory, has been entered in the Toulon-Algiers automobile race. This appears to settle the destination of the vessel, which heretofore has caused comment.

## Storm Palace and Fire City.

BERLIN, Jan. 21.—The Tagesspiegel, St. Petersburg correspondent says he learns from the strikers' committee that they intend to march to the Winter Palace today and demand a hand to the Emperor alone.

Otherwise, he says, they will storm the palace and fire the city. Four regiments are declared to be in readiness, but they will not fire on the strikers.

## Considers Russian Crisis Grave.

ROME, Jan. 21.—In the reports received at the Vatican regarding the internal situation in Russia, it is announced that the crisis is considered to be very grave. The Russian Catholic bishops are recommending to their flock political abstinence and abstention from participation in the political movement, fearing repressive measures on the part of the anti-Catholics.

## May Extend to Poland.

PARIS, Jan. 21.—Russian advances through official channels are of the most sombre character. The Russian Government is said to be preparing to extend the Russian strikes to southern Russia and Poland. The view prevails here that the disturbances are of a political rather than industrial and capable of developing a situation endangering the present regime.

## Won't Shoot Strikers.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 21, 4:15 p. m.—A sensational rumor is current that the soldiers of the Imperial Guard and three other guard regiments are in the streets, have openly announced that they will not shoot at the strikers. The rumor cannot be confirmed and is discredited.

## Cavalry Concentrated.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 21, 4:30 p. m.—All the cavalry regiments have been called on from the barracks in the surrounding districts and are concentrated in St. Petersburg. They will form an extended cordon to prevent demonstrators from approaching the palace.

## Trouble Feared.

ESSEN, Jan. 21.—At the great mines at Dortmund it is feared that there will be excesses on January 24 and 25, the miners' pay days. The police have ordered all saloons closed on those days.

## PACIFIC LEAGUE TURNS LUCAS OUT Directors Remove Him as President.

Ordered to Turn Over His  
Books to Williams of  
Spokane.

Report That He Was Forming New  
League Hastened Action of His  
Associates at Butte.

SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 21.—President W. H. Lucas of the Pacific National league was scraped from stem to stern, from post to post, and left without an atom of sympathy from the members of the board of directors of the league in session at the Finlay hotel.

A resolution removing him from office as president was adopted and he was also authorized to turn over to C. F. Williams of Spokane, the authorized agent of the league, all accounts, books and papers of the league, or suffer prosecution legally.

J. Bruce Kremer was at the meeting as attorney for the local management, represented by Walter Wilmut.

Butte was represented at the meeting by Walter Wilmut, Boise by Dr. Keyvitt, Spokane by Mr. Williams, and Salt Lake by Mr. Rogers. Mr. Shepard acted as secretary and Mr. Rogers as president.

Legal Representatives.

Those present claim to be the legal and proper representatives of their respective clubs. They say the meeting was called properly and also announced through a call read by Mr. Shepard, that Mr. Lucas was asked to call such meeting and wanted to be present, but no word had ever been received from him, and therefore the meeting was held without him. The directors being entitled to represent their respective clubs.

Before the meeting was called to order and while an informal discussion was in progress, Mr. Rogers threw a bombshell into camp by reading from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer an article stating that an interview with Mr. Lucas, in which he positively asserted that he was trying to form a league including Butte, Bingham, Vancouver and Victoria on the west, and Butte, Boise and Spokane on the east side of the range.

Lucas, who has been a member of the league since its formation, has been in view when it was intimated by several he intended to let the Pacific National league drop and have his own league. He has been a member of the Pacific National league as it was last session.

## WATCHING VENEZUELA.

European Countries Fear the United States May Gain Advantage.

PARIS, Jan. 21.—The relations of the United States and Venezuela are receiving close attention at the European chancelleries, which are kept constantly advised from Caracas. It is said that this is due to the desire of the European countries to maintain the same commercial rights at Venezuelan ports as now exist.

The last Venezuelan controversy led to an agreement of the powers to have Belgian officials administer the customs at certain Venezuelan ports and it is not denied that the present controversy shall lead to the displacement of the Belgians and their possible replacement by Americans. It is also desired to maintain equality on tariff rates for Europeans and Americans. The idea prevails in high quarters that the controversy will lead to the European nations being placed at a commercial disadvantage.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—It is learned that not only has President Castro terminated his negotiations with Minister Bowen relating to a settlement of the late border dispute between the United States and Venezuela, but he has done the same with the diplomatic representatives of the European powers charged with negotiating touching claims of their own Governments of a like character.

## BAR OUT SALOONISTS.

United Mine-Workers Won't Admit to Membership Liquor Dealers.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 21.—The national convention of the United Mine-Workers of America today adopted a resolution forbidding membership to all saloon keepers, owners of saloons or bartenders. Secretary W. H. Brimhall was asked the course of Brimhall by stating that the latter's wife was in the insane asylum and this Smoot declared was "an extenuating circumstance."

"It does not, but it should," replied the secretary.

The resolution, which now covers Canada, changes its constitution by making "national" read "international."

The convention will adjourn Monday it is believed.

## SCHOOL FARM FOR NEGROES

Booker Washington Has Scheme for Educating His Race.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 21.—Booker T. Washington, principal of the Tuskegee school for negroes, has an option on 150 acres of land about five miles from Montgomery, and it is said he will establish there a school farm or experiment station for negroes. Since this has become known, white residents of the vicinity are up in arms against such a scheme. Every resident of the vicinity has signed a petition to Booker T. Washington asking him not to consummate the purchase. This petition has been forwarded to him. Many of Montgomery's most prominent citizens live in the vicinity.

## SOUSA BREAKS RECORD.

His Own Compositions Draw Better Than Anything Else.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Sousa and his band have broken all concert records in London. For the twenty-five performances during the past two weeks the attendance at the concerts has been very large, especially so at the four at which Sousa's compositions were played exclusively. The band is now going on a provincial tour for three months, after which it will return to London for Easter. Sousa's "The Bride Elect," will be produced in London by a syndicate in the spring.

## UNION SUSPENDS PRESIDENT

John McNeil of International Boiler-makers Crowded Out.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 21.—John McNeil, president of the International Boiler-makers and Ship-builders' union, has been crowded out of office by the executive council, on the ground that McNeil has not worked for the best interests of the union in the recent strike on the Union Pacific. The executive council has elected a new president, and McNeil is no longer a member of the union.

## Girl Murdered at Decatur.

DECATUR, Ill., Jan. 21.—Shortly after leaving her father's home on her way home to night, Miss Belle Bloodworth, daughter of a well-known merchant, was found murdered in an alley in New Decatur. So far there is no clue to the perpetrator.

## Injured Artist Located.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Robert Brough, the artist who was injured in the railroad accident on the Midland railroad near Barnet Tuesday, was located in a hospital tonight in Sheffield.

## Strikers Peaceful.

WITTEN, Russia, Jan. 21.—The strikers here are keeping the peace. Coal supplies are short and large orders sent from England are blocked at Rotterdam because of drift ice in the Rhine.

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When these few had been robbed the nerve of the bandits seemed to fail them, for they stopped the train and jumped off, disappearing into the heavy undergrowth along the sides of the gulch, under the East Twenty-eighth street bridge. Word was sent to the city and county authorities that the train was stopped and the bridge quickly organized a posse, which started in search for the thieves.

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to Influence Bishop and University Trustees.

Special to The Tribune.

MT. PLEASANT, Utah, Jan. 21.—The court now sitting at Mant in the contest for the judgeship of the Seventh district, adjourned yesterday until Monday. In the answer filed by Erickson, some serious allegations are made by the contestant against the contestant. Among the multitude of allegations is the charge that Livingston offered \$400 to James Larsen of this city, bishop of the South ward, in order to influence the said Larsen to vote the contested judgeship, and also to induce and influence the said Larsen to procure others to vote for the contestant.

Another charge is that Livingston formerly offered to donate \$1000 to the Sevier academy at Ephraim, the offer being made by Hiram B. Wells, chairman of the stake board of the academy, also to N. E. Noyes and C. B. Dorius, the trustees of the Snow academy. This donation was to be given to the academy, it is alleged, if Mr. Livingston was elected to the office of judge.

Other serious allegations are made against the judges of election at Sunnyside, charging that liquor was kept at or near the polling place on the day of election, and that the judges partook freely of the inebriating cup before the counting of the ballots was concluded.

The counting of the ballots is now proceeding and will continue throughout the district.

## TALLY SHEET CORRECT.

Recount of Votes in Sanpete County  
Results in No Changes.

SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE.

MANTI, Utah, Jan. 21.—The election contest, involving the district judgeship, has been on all week at the courthouse, this county. After the question as to whether or not this court had jurisdiction to hear the matter, or if it was to be tried before the State Supreme court, was settled, work was begun in earnest. Counsel for William J. Livingston requested that ballots in certain districts of this county be recounted, expecting thereby to gain some votes for his client. The recount was made, with no change. The count came out with the tally-sheet of the election judges. The attorneys present have been complimenting the election judges on their efficient work.

Court adjourned until next week, when the case will be argued. Indications are that the case will be a long one and some say that Judge Erickson will serve a good part of his term before it is settled definitely. Judge Booth is hearing the case.

## RE-ELECTED OLD OFFICERS.

Bricklayers' and Masons' International  
Union to Meet in Minneapolis.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—The Bricklayers' and Masons' International union here re-elected the following officers: W. J. Bowen, New York, president; Thomas R. Preece, Chicago, first vice-president; George T. Thornton, Washington, D. C., second vice-president; E. J. Brandon, San Francisco, third vice-president; J. J. Izzard, Toronto, fourth vice-president; William Dobson, North Adams, Mass., secretary; Patrick Murray, Albany, N. Y., treasurer.

Editor of Official Journal, Bert Childs, St. Louis.

Minneapolis was chosen as the next meeting place.

## DEAD MAN IN A TRUNK.